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SUBJECT : QATAR'S CRUDE PRODUCTION LEVEL DROPS SHARPLY

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1. ALTHOUGH COMPLETE FIGURES NOT YET AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS AVERAGE CRUDE PRODUCTION IN QATAR FOR FEBRUARY LESS THAN 475,000 BPD. SHELL/QATAR LIFTINGS DROPPED IN SECOND HALF OF MONTH AND AVERAGE PRODUCTION WAS 294,368 BPD, ABOUT SAME AS SHELL'S 1974 AVERAGE OF 295,096 BPD. QATAR PETROLEUM COMPANY (QPC HAS NOT YET COMPILED FEBRUARY PRODUCTION FIGURES, BUT QPC OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THAT LIFTINGS FOR FEBRUARY TOTALED 4,837,031 BARRELS, AN AVERAGE OF 172,751 BPD. OFFICIAL SAID PRODUCTION PROBABLY FEW THOUSAND BPD MORE THAN LIFTINGS. THIS MEANS ALMOST 50,000

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BPD DROP FROM QPC 1794 AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF 223,667 BPD. AC-

CORDING TO COMPANY SOURCES, REDUCED QPC LIFTINGS ARE RESULT OF
HIGH SULPHUR PREMIUM.

2. AS NOTED REFTELS, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY GOQ OFFICIAL THAT IF
QPC UNDER-LIFTS, CONTRACTS WOULD BE REWRITTEN AND LIFTING
CEILING REDUCED BY 15 PER CENT. SAME SOURCE ALSO STATED GOQ
WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY SELLING EXCESS PRODUCTION TO
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT BUYERS AT CURRENT PRICES. FOLLOWING ABU
DHABI SULPHUR PREMIA REDUCTIONS, DUKHAN CRUDE IS MOST EXPENSIVE
IN GULF, AND IN LIGHT OF FEBRUARY PRODUCTION FIGURES, GOQ HAVING
DIFFICULTY IN FINDING CUSTOMERS NOTWITHSTANDING OPTIMISTIC VIEWS
OF ITS SENIOR OIL ADVISOR.
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